

As your Representative, I work hard each day to help solve your everyday problems, cut bureaucratic red tape, and get results for you when you are not getting fair treatment from the government or other agencies. This is all part of the concept of representative government.

Recently I helped the family of a Ewing veteran secure the five Purple Hearts and Bronze Star he earned during the Second World War. I presented the medals to his family to be used in tribute at his funeral.

I have helped more than 17,000 constituents resolve their problems. If I can help you – whether by securing VA benefits, solving problems with the IRS, or helping to obtain a fair and more affordable home mortgage – please give me a call at 1-87-RUSH-HOLT or go to my [website](#)

Getting Answers on Anthrax □ The FBI investigation into the 2001 anthrax attacks – which evidently originated from a postal box in Princeton – was botched from the beginning. In closing the case last month, the FBI said they got their man - they were sure, just as they were sure they had their man the first time, whom they had to pay \$6 million essentially for false arrest.

Washington bureaucrats may believe this matter is over, but I do not, nor do the families of the victims, the postal workers, and other residents of our region from whom I've heard. We deserve and need to know what happened and that our government is ready for another bioterrorism attack. Last week, I succeeded in including an amendment to an intelligence bill requiring the government to examine the possibility of a foreign connection to the anthrax attacks. Beyond that, what is needed is a comprehensive investigation, ideally in the form of a bipartisan, [Congressional commission](#), to examine the many questions regarding the investigation.

Financial Sanity

When families add a new expense to their budgets - whether it is a vacation, a new gym membership or a night at the movies with the grandchildren - we have to make cuts elsewhere. It is common sense, kitchen table economics. This same, “pay-as-you-go” principle helped bring the federal budget to record surpluses by the end of the 1990s, before it was discarded.

In February, I supported legislation - now law - that restored this old-fashioned idea. Pay-as-you-go rules require that new spending must not increase the debt. This forces Congress to make tough choices such as cutting inefficient or ineffective programs to invest in job creation, health care, or education.

There are other ways to ensure taxpayer money is invested wisely. Recently, I helped write and pass a bill in the House that would provide college loans directly to students, eliminating wasteful subsidies to banks, and even reducing our debt by \$10 billion.

Sincerely,

RUSH HOLT
Member of Congress